

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-1312-L)**

PATENT

In application of:)	
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Kopreski)	Before the Examiner:
)	F. Lu
Serial No. 10/684,633)	
)	Group Art Unit: 1634
Filed: October 14, 2003)	
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For: Detection of Tumor RNA in Plasma or Serum)	

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 17, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed November 17, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

In this regard, Applicant elects to pursue further prosecution of claims 33-35, designated as Group IC in the Action, with traverse as set forth herein.

Status of the claims.

The Examiner indicated that claims 1, 3, 11, 13, 14, 16, 29-31 and 33-35 are pending at the issuance of this Office Action.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.121, amendments to claims begin on page 2, and Applicant's remarks begin on page 10.